

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the Abstract, which begins on line 2 of page 22, with the following paragraph showing amendments:

--       ~~The present invention relates to providing improved~~  
Improved apparatus and methods for increasing the utility and  
attractiveness of a literature display are provided. This  
~~and other objects of the invention are accomplished by~~  
~~providing~~ The improved apparatus include a literature rack  
that automatically advances the remaining copies of  
literature to the front of the literature rack when copies of  
literature are removed from the rack. Further, a sloped ramp  
may be provided to prevent the copies of literature from  
flopping forward and a lifting portion may be provided to  
lift the front-most copy of literature above the remaining  
copies. Multiple energy storage devices may be used in  
parallel to power the self-advancing feature and may possess  
reduced-friction properties. Additional signage cards may  
also be provided to denote that all copies have been  
purchased from the rack and to provide further space for  
advertisements or information. Additionally, all of these  
improved functionalities may be achieved by modifying a pre-  
existing traditional literature rack with a rack insert  
possessing the improved apparatus.--